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Rockdale Senior Services “Shares the Love” Locally

Local food collection events raise more than \$1,600 in support of Meals-on-Wheels Program

CONYERS, Ga. – Rockdale County Senior Services and its members and volunteers recently spread holiday cheer to citizens in the community by participating in Subaru of America’s eighth annual “Share the Love” event.

Senior Services completed the project for the second time during the 2015 holiday season to raise funds and awareness of senior isolation and hunger in the Conyers-Rockdale community. The event, held December 2, 2015 through January 2, 2016, collected \$1,617.15 for the Center’s Meals-on-Wheels program and 1,710 items for Rockdale Emergency Relief’s food bank. More than 54 volunteers, who donated 73 hours of service, participated in the project.

“Being part of the Share the Love holiday project again meant so much to us as a Center because we were able to assist our community by collecting items for the food bank and raising funds for our Meals-on-Wheels program,” Rockdale Senior Services Division Manager Susan Morgan said.

Local partners included the Rockdale Senior Site Council, Rockdale Fire-Rescue, Rockdale Emergency Relief and Wal-Mart.

The 2015 “Share the Love” funds will continue to benefit local Meals on Wheels America member organizations throughout the year through additional grant opportunities, annual conference scholarships and by sponsoring the organization’s March for Meals annual awareness campaign.

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Members of the Olivia Haydel Senior Center proudly collect food in support of the Subaru Share the Love event.

About Rockdale County Senior Services

Rockdale County Senior Services became a county program in July 1987. The program was founded by and the building named after Olivia Haydel. Annually, Rockdale Senior Services provides 18,000 home delivered meals, more than 14,000 congregate meals, 9,000 units of transportation, and has approximately 500 volunteers that provide more than 17,000 hours of service. In 2006 and 2009 respectively, Senior Services received the Chairman's PRIDE award for achievement and the Georgia Recreational and Parks Association Older Americans Month Award for programming.

About Meals on Wheels America (formerly Meals on Wheels Association of America)

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. To find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

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